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Damaging of Optical Fibre Cable Network
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether reports have been received regarding digging ground for laying cables and thereby damaging optical fibre cable networks laid by BSNL and MTNL by various Government agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, including Delhi;

(c) whether the Government has received any representation for timely repair of networks in Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the MTNL for timely repair of damaged optical fibre cable networks?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) have reported that Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) is being damaged by various government agencies such as water board, power distribution companies, telecom companies, road owning agencies, gas pipeline companies etc.
(b) Details of BSNL and MTNL are given at Annexure.
(c)&(d) For Delhi, MTNL has received representations for timely repair of networks in Delhi. MTNL takes prompt action for restoration of OFC network, subject to technical feasibility and permission accorded from the municipal authorities/ road owning agencies.

Annexure
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OFC damage cases due to digging ground for laying cables by various Government agencies
S.No. Name of the Circle / Maintenance Region No. of times OFC damaged (2016-17)
A BSNL:
1 Andaman & Nicobar 0
2 Andhra Pradesh 88
3 Assam 0
4 Bihar 29
5 Calcutta Telecom District 5
6 Chhattisgarh 4
7 Chennai Telecom District 0
8 Gujarat 1907
9 Haryana 17
10 Himachal Pradesh 15
11 Jammu & Kashmir 112
12 Jharkhand 0
13 Karnataka 1315
14 Kerala 0
15 Madhya Pradesh 98
16 Maharashtra 808
17 North East-I (Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura)
Meghalaya 0
Mizoram 0
Tripura 4
18 North East-II (Arunachal, Manipur, Nagaland)
Arunachal 9
Manipur 16
Nagaland 30

19 Odisha 429
20 Punjab 1
21 Rajasthan 380
22 Tamil Nadu 1825
23 Telangana 270
24 UP(East) 144
25 UP(West) 0
26 Uttarakhand 41
27 West Bengal (West Bengal & Sikkim)
West Bengal 35
Sikkim 0
28 Eastern Telecom Region (Long Distance OFC Network) 173
29 Northern Telecom Region (Long Distance OFC Network) 192
30 Southern Telecom Region (Long Distance OFC Network) 161
31 Western Telecom Region (Long Distance OFC Network) 171
B MTNL:
1 Delhi 425
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